

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON
THURSDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 1981 AT 12:00 NOON IN ROOMS H-762 AND H-769
OF THE HALL BUILDING, SGW CAMPUS

ATTENDANCE: Present were: Mr. G. T. Fisher, Acting Chairman, Dr. M. Anvari, Dr. R. W. Breen, Dr. M. Brian, Mr. J. Cahayla, Dr. J. S. Daniel, Dr. M. S. Dubas, S.J., Prof. C. Gabriel-Lacki, Mr. R. L. Grassby, Dr. H. Habib, Mr. S. Huza, Prof. G. Martin, Mr. G. Murray, Dr. J. W. O'Brien, Mr. J. J. Pepper, Dr. T. S. Sankar, Rev. A. Graham, S.J., Secretary.

Absent with apologies: Mr. R. K. Groome, O.C., Mr. H. J. Hemens, Mr. D. W. McNaughton.

Advisory Board: Mr. F. G. Hubbard.

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED

- BG-81-10-D36 - Report of the Personnel Committee to the Board.
- BG-81-10-D37 - Regulations Regarding Cheating, Plagiarism and Academic Re-evaluation.
- BG-81-10-D38 - Concordia Graduate Society.
- BG-81-10-D39 - Revisions to Powers of Senate.
- BG-81-10-D40 - Excerpt from the Membership and Powers of Senate.
- BG-81-10-D41 - Powers of the Faculty Councils.
- PC-81-9-D30 - Dr. Breen's Report to the Board.
- PC-81-9-D31 - Dr. Daniel's Report to the Board.

OPEN SESSION

1. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman announced that the McGill Board of Governors would host a reception for the Concordia Board at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, 18th January, 1982 at the McGill Faculty Club at 3450 McTavish Ave.

2. The Board agreed to add to the Agenda under New Business (Item 8) the following:

- (2) Revisions of the Powers of Senate
- (3) Concordia Graduate Society

(4) Confirmation of the Membership of the Senior Salary Committee

3. Approval of Minutes

On a motion duly moved and seconded (Murray, Gabriel-Lacki), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of 15th October, 1981 be approved.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

The Rector announced that the Ad Hoc Committee to investigate Registration and Course Changes will meet next Monday, 23rd November.

5. Committee Reports

(1) Mr. Fisher, speaking as Chairman of the Operational Services Committee, reported that a new emergency PA system is to be established in the Hall Building and a contract with Securican to replace Empire Security will go into effect on November 28, 1981. The recent "break-ins" in the Hall Building have been reviewed; they were beyond the ability of Security to handle.

The vexing disturbances in Reggie's Pub stemmed, at least in part, from the Pub being open after the official closing hour of the Hall Building. A sub-committee of four persons has been set up to consider alternatives and report to the Operational Services Committee.

(2) Report from the Alumni

Mr. Huza, speaking for the Sir George Williams Alumni, reported that the Early Bird Campaign has netted \$32,235. The membership of the Association is increasing. Among other activities, they are preparing to have a "phonathon" and, in co-operation with the Montreal Business Exchange, have set up a free job-orientation service for graduates. The Alumni are dissatisfied that the Concordia University Magazine has been reduced to three issues a year, and the press run for this important publication has been lowered from 35,000 to 25,000 copies.

6. Rector's Report

(1) The Rector has visited alumni groups across Canada, in the western United States, and more recently, in the New York area. The alumni groups are developing well, but a Concordia Alumni Association is needed for further development.

The same 12-minute slide show which the Governors enjoyed during today's lunch has been very favourably received. All groups have reacted positively toward the announcement of the capital campaign. A group of 30 or 40 alumni in Kingston met for the first time.

- (2) Last Monday, an open meeting, during which the Rector gave a report on the current University situation, was followed by a press conference. At the meeting, Dr. O'Brien stressed the fact that, although the cost of educating the average full-time student in Quebec is \$6,130, Concordia receives only \$3,950. Though we may expect to share, in some measure, the tight financial situation of all Quebec universities, we believe that we should be treated in a special way because we receive only two-thirds of the per capita grant. The Rector announced that the Concordia University Strategy Committee will meet next Monday.

A question was asked about why new independent students will not be permitted to register in January 1982. Vice-Rector Martin replied that probably we could have taken very few new independent students in any event and that, because of current difficulties with registration, all available time will be used to accommodate degree students and independents already registered.

The Rector added that the January registration is complicated by the fact that many Commerce students register in January as well as September and that because some courses are prerequisites for others, failures in first term courses require rearranging of programmes and schedules in the second term. Furthermore, because of current high interest rates, an unknown number of students have probably delayed paying fees by registering in September for the first term only and, therefore, will have to register for the second term in January.

7. Report of Dr. Breen

Discussing the government funds obtained by the University to alleviate the financial problems of international students following the government drastic increase in foreign students' fees, Dr. Breen reported that he had met with the Vice-Rectors of other universities and found that in other universities fewer international students had unresolved financial problems than at Concordia. Since it seems that no increase will be made to Concordia's allotment, he has appealed to the CCSL to use some of its surplus funds for this purpose.

Mr. Murray called attention to the fact that a University newspaper reported recently that the number of international students has decreased at Concordia. He asked how the administration viewed future international student registration. The Rector replied that there are two reasons for the decrease: (1) higher fees for international students; and (2)

Concordia has imposed quotas on many programmes that attract international students. It seems very likely that we will have fewer international students in the future. We have not yet addressed ourselves to devising a policy in the matter; the University and its Faculties will have to come to grips with the question in the near future.

8. New Business

(1) Cheating, Plagiarism and Academic Re-Evaluation

The Rector introduced document BG-81-10-D37 and the appended three documents marked A, B and C dealing with cheating, plagiarism and academic re-evaluation.

The major changes involved are: (a) a change in the definition of cheating and of plagiarism; (b) final decision on appeals is vested not in Senate, but in a Senate Committee; and (c) final decisions concerning academic re-evaluations will be taken at a lower administrative level than at present.

Appeals to Senate will be permitted on procedural grounds only. These regulations apply only to undergraduate students; graduate students have a separate set of regulations.

It was moved and seconded (O'Brien, Daniel) and unanimously RESOLVED:

THAT the Board hereby enact the regulations regarding cheating (undergraduate), plagiarism (undergraduate) and academic re-evaluation as set out in document A appended to document BG-81-10-D37 to form a part thereof, and repeal the regulations as set out in document B appended to the same document BG-81-10-D37. This resolution will take effect immediately.

(2) Revisions of the Powers of Senate

In order to implement the resolution just passed, it was moved and seconded (O'Brien, Huza) and approved with one opposed:

THAT revisions of the powers of Senate, of Membership and Functions of Standing Committees of Senate, and the Powers of Faculty Councils, as set out in University Document and Policies - A30, A31, A32, be approved as follows:

University Documents and Policies - A30, Membership and Powers of Senate

Item 3. (viii) - delete:

"receive and decide upon appeals from decisions of those bodies regarding such students' requests;"

Item c. (x) - add:

"Exceptionally, in the case of appeals with regard to cheating or plagiarism the Senate Appeals Committee on Cheating and Plagiarism shall be possessed of final authority;"

Item 5 - change to:

"The standing committees shall include:

- (i) Steering Committee;
- (ii) Curriculum Coordinating Committee;
- (iii) Committee on Priorities and Resource Allocation;
- (iv) Library Committee;
- (v) Fellowships, Scholarships and Awards Committee;
- (vi) Appeals Committee on Cheating and Plagiarism.

Senate shall determine the composition of the standing committees."

Revisions to "University Documents and Policies - A31, Membership and Functions of Standing Committees of Senate"

The following new Committee should be added:

Appeals Committee on Cheating and Plagiarism

Two faculty members
One Student

The Appeals Committee is appointed by Senate from among its members. Senate will designate one alternate for each position. Members are eligible for re-appointment.

The term of office of faculty members is two years, staggered in the first round of appointment. The term of office of the student member is one year.

The Appeals Committee on Cheating and Plagiarism renders final decision on appeals.

The Committee will file a reasoned report on each appeal with the Secretary of Senate.

The Secretary of Senate will inform the appellant and any other person directly involved in the case, of the decision of the Appeals Committee. The Secretary will also present to the closed session of the next meeting of Senate, a report on the decision. This report will contain only: the type of case; the decision rendered; the sanction applied, if any; the date of the decision.

Revision to University Documents and Policies A-32, p. 11, Powers of the Faculty Councils

Item 3 - delete:

"subject to appeal to Senate"

Discussion

Mr. Murray commented that in his experience direct appeal to Senate has been advantageous. Dr. Daniel explained that the rationale for the proposed change could be found in the difficulty of a large body such as Senate having the expertise to render justice quickly and equitably. The needed intimate knowledge of local conditions and circumstances is more easily achieved at a lower administrative level.

(3) Concordia Graduate Society

The Rector introduced document BG-81-10-D38 and the attached correspondence. This document is his letter to members of the Board announcing that a decision in principle to establish one graduate society has been reached by both Loyola Alumni Association and the Sir George Williams Alumni Association. An Executive Committee to work out details is being established. The two alumni

associations are independently incorporated bodies and, hence, beyond the direct action of the Concordia Board of Governors.

Therefore, it was moved and seconded (Huza, Murray) and unanimously RESOLVED:

THAT the Concordia Board commend and endorse the initiative taken by the Loyola Alumni Association and the Sir George Williams Alumni Association, and approve the appointment of Dr. Henry Habib as the representative of this Board on the Executive Committee of the Concordia Graduate Society.

The Rector has been informed that the members from the Loyola Alumni Association on the Executive Committee of the Graduate Society have been changed to Ronald Boucher, Peter Regimbald and Donald Boisvert.

(4) Confirmation of the Membership of the Senior Salary Committee

The Rector observed that the Senior Salary Committee determines the salary of the senior administrative officers (all who report to the Rector and the Vice-Rectors). After discussion with the Chairman of the Board, it seems appropriate to confirm the membership of this Committee.

Therefore, it was moved and seconded (Huza, Murray) and unanimously RESOLVED:

THAT the Senior Salary Committee should consist of four (4) members: the Chancellor, the Chairman of the Board of Governors, the Rector of Concordia, and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Governors.

9. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, 17th December, 1981 at 12:00 noon in the Hall Building, SGW Campus.

10. Adjournment

It was moved and seconded (Daniel, Habib) and unanimously RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting adjourn at 2:30 p.m.

Aloysius Graham, S.J.,
Secretary